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SUBJ: SENEGALESE GUINEAN RELATIONS

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1. PRESIDENT SENGHOR IN HIS RECENT TRIP THROUGH NORTHERN SENEGAL THOUGH PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON DOMESTIC CONCERNS, ALSO SOUGHT TO ELICIT SUPPORT FOR HIS ACTION IN BREAKING RELATIONS WITH GUINEA. GROUND WORK FOR HIS VISIT HAD BEEN CAREFULLY LAID BY LOCAL OFFICIALS AND UPS PARTY FIGURES WHO HAD DISPLAYED SIGNS DENOUNCING TOURE. AT SAME TIME, REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AS OBSERVED BY AID RDO WHO ACCOMPANIED SENGHOR ENTOURAGE INDICATED SINCERE SUPPORT AMONG LOCAL POPULACE.

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2. EVER SINCE ANNOUNCEMENT OF BREAK IN RELATIONS

WITH GUINEA, LOCAL PRESS HAS BEEN FULL OF TELEGRAMS FROM REGIONAL GOVERNMENT AND UPS OFFICE, YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, LABOR UNIONS AND OTHER GROUPS IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT. CLEAR HE CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT DOMESTICALLY TO GIVE THE LIE TO TOURE'S CHARGES.

3. UNDERSTAND ELEVEN EMPLOYEES OF GUINEAN EMBASSY INCLUDING ALL THOSE ON DIPLOMATIC LIST AND SEVERAL GUINEAN CITIZENS HIRED LOCALLY HAVE BEEN ISSUED EXIT VISAS FOR TRAVEL TO EITHER CONAKRY OR NOUAKCHOTT. SIX TO EIGHT WERE TO HAVE LEFT FOR NOUAKCHOTT ON SEPTEMBER 27.

4. SENGHOR HAS MADE POINT OF REASSURING OTHER GUINEANS RESIDENT IN SENEGAL THAT THEY ARE WELCOME IN COUNTRY. GOS IS NOT WORRIED ABOUT SEKOU'S ABILITY TO STIR UP ANY TROUBLE LOCALLY. MOST GUINEANS RESIDENT HERE ARE, IN ANY CASE, ANTI TOURE.

5. WHILE ORDERS FOR STRICTER SURVEILLANCE OF SENEGALESE BORDER AREA HAVE REPORTEDLY GONE OUT, WE DOUBT THAT THIS WILL MEAN ANY PRACTICAL DIFFERENCE IN POSTURE OF SENEGALESE SUCURITY FORCES IN BORDER AREA. DUE TO THE SECURITY SITUATION THERE, THESE FORCES ARE NORMALLY KEPT IN A HIGH STATE OF READINESS. JUST THE SAME, IN EXHORTING THE POPULATION TO REJECT THE CALUMNIES EMANATING FROM CONAKRY, THE PRESIDENT MADE A POINT OF PROCLAIMING THAT SENEGALESE SUCURITY FORCES WERE ALERT AND VIGILANT AND WOULD SEARCH OUT SPIES AND TRAITORS TO PUNISH THEM.

6. EMBASSY STILL IN DARK ON CONTENTS OF SENGHOR MESSAGE TO GOWON.
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